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DURHAM, N.H. - University of New Hampshire Professor of History Cathy Frierson has joined forces with her undergraduate mentor to publish a book of the reminiscences of 20 U.S. historians of Russia from institutions like Yale, Swarthmore, the Army War College and UNC over 50 years.

In “Adventures in Russian Historical Research: Reminiscences of American Scholars from the Cold War to the Present,” the scholars relate their experiences as historians and researchers in Russia from the first academic exchanges in the 1950s through the Cold War years and into the first post-Soviet decade. Frierson coedited the book with Samuel Baron, professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, her undergraduate mentor.

Frierson is herself a scholar of Russia and the Soviet Union. Her earlier works include “All Russia is Burning! A Cultural History of Fire and Arson in Late Imperial Russia” and “Peasant Icons: Representations of Rural People in Late Nineteenth Century Russia.” Frierson holds the Class of 1941 Professorship at UNH and was awarded the Lindberg Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Teaching in the College of Liberal Arts in 2000.